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House of Representatives, February 9, 2017

An Act To Inform Patients of the Dangers of Addicting Opioids

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, PARRY of Arundel, TIMBERLAKE of Turner,
WADSWORTH of Hiram.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2210, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Opioid medication information disclosure.** Prior to prescribing an opioid
4 medication to a patient, an individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice
5 includes prescribing opioid medication shall inform the patient of the risks of using the
6 opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the
7 opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has
8 been provided that information.

9 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2600-C, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

10 **6. Opioid medication information disclosure.** Prior to prescribing an opioid
11 medication to a patient, an individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice
12 includes prescribing opioid medication shall inform the patient of the risks of using the
13 opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the
14 opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has
15 been provided that information.

16 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §3300-F, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

17 **6. Opioid medication information disclosure.** Prior to prescribing an opioid
18 medication to a patient, an individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice
19 includes prescribing opioid medication shall inform the patient of the risks of using the
20 opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the
21 opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has
22 been provided that information.

23 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §3657, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

24 **6. Opioid medication information disclosure.** Prior to prescribing an opioid
25 medication to a patient, an individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice
26 includes prescribing opioid medication shall inform the patient of the risks of using the
27 opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the
28 opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has
29 been provided that information.

30 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §18308, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

31 **6. Opioid medication information disclosure.** Prior to prescribing an opioid
32 medication to a patient, an individual licensed under this chapter whose scope of practice
33 includes prescribing opioid medication shall inform the patient of the risks of using the
34 opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the
35 opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has
36 been provided that information.

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SUMMARY

This bill requires that a health care provider who is a prescriber of opioid medication must, before prescribing an opioid medication, inform the patient of the risks of using the opioid medication, including but not limited to the risk of forming an addiction to the opioid medication, and receive from the patient a written certification that the patient has been provided that information.